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Robert B. Thomas
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Re: Notification of File Closure, Rancho Equipment Services, Violet Red Beryl Project, S/001/011, and Rex Harris, Violet #5-8/Ruby #1-4, S/001/012, Beaver County, Utah

Dear Messrs. Thomas and Harris:

On January 27, 2000, the Director of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining formally approved the form and amount of reclamation surety for Gemstone Mining, Inc.'s Ruby Violet large mining project. Subsequently, on February 7, 2000, Gemstone Mining, Inc. was granted final approval of the large mining project.

This large mining operation encompassed three other sites: 1) Red Beryl Exploration project #E/001/097, already permitted by Gemstone Mining; Violet/Red Beryl small mining permit #S/001/011 originally permitted by Rancho Equipment; and Violet #5-8/Ruby #1-4 small mining permit #S/001/012 originally permitted by Rex Harris. By approving Gemstone's large mining operation, we are hereby releasing Rancho Equipment and Rex Harris from any further mining or reclamation obligations at their respective sites. The respective files will be closed and archived. The BLM concurred with this release by letter dated January 28, 2000 (copy attached).

You will no longer be responsible for any further mining or reclamation obligations associated with these sites. If you have any questions pertaining to this letter, please contact me or Tom Munson at (801) 538-5286 or 538-5321 respectively.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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cc: Ed Ginouves, BLM, Cedar City FO (UTU-68565 & UTU-68581)

Attachment: BLM 1/28/00 letter

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